

GERMAN AIRSHIP IN RAID ON ROUMANIAN CAPITAL

NATION STARTS
BIG SURVEY OF
BREAD PRICES

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EMBARGO ON WHEAT
WOULD HIT FARMER

All District Attorneys Are Ordered to Report to Department of Justice Any Boost in Price.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Every possible unit of federal machinery today was set in motion to meet and deal with the continued advance in the price of bread throughout the country. Through the federal trade commission, and the department of justice, the national government will begin at once a country-wide survey of bread prices to determine whether the cause of the continued increase is legitimate and to remove it if it is not.

A flood of complaints and petitions setting forth the advance in bread prices, is swamping various government departments. Many of them set forth only threatened increases in prices as a ground for complaint, but the trade commission and the department of justice have instructed all of their agents to advise Washington just as soon as any real advance is made. Incidentally the agents will also keep their eye on milk prices which have been the basis for further complaints.

Embargo Suggested.

Many of the complaints suggested an embargo on the export of wheat and flour as the solution of the bread price increase. Several enormous petitions from bakers' organizations have been directed to the trade commission, declaring that unless an embargo is imposed on their raw materials, they will be forced to send bread prices up to 10 cents a loaf. The cry of "feed America first," however, is making but little impression on the administration.

Realizing that an embargo on wheat and flour would result in the widest fluctuations in prices of these commodities, federal officials are opposed to action which would hamper the farmer who is holding his wheat crop. The farmer would be the principal loser by an embargo under present conditions and there is little likelihood of action that radically would affect his selling price.

The first care of the federal investigators will be to determine whether any combination of bakers or any combination of millers is conspiring to increase the price of their product. If any such conspiracy is discovered, summary action will be taken under the anti-trust laws. The federal trade commission has full authority to make investigations under the anti-trust law, and their investigators will begin work at once. Meantime, the department of justice has ordered all district attorneys throughout the country immediately to report an advance in bread or milk prices. So far the department has found itself unable to act against price advances. The advances up to date have been of a local nature and have been entirely within the jurisdiction of local or state government.

CHICAGO INVESTIGATES.

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—A three-pronged investigation into the alleged agreement of the Master Bakers' association to raise the price of bread from five to six cents a loaf was begun here today. The Woman's Association of Commerce will conduct an inquiry from the viewpoint of the consumer to determine whether the raise is justified.

U. S. Dist. Atty. Clyde announced that if he could obtain evidence to warrant it the matter would be submitted to a federal grand jury.

State Atty. Hoyne was prepared, as soon as a complaint is filed, to proceed against the bakers on a charge of violating the state laws prohibiting agreements and combinations for the purpose of fixing prices of commodities or merchandise.

"There has been no conspiracy," said R. H. Bahlmeier, president of the Master Bakers' association, explaining the meeting of 600 bakers Saturday night. "We simply met and considered plans to stave off ruin. With the present high price of flour, bakeries must charge more or shut down."

President of
American Club
Held Prisoner

International News Service.
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 25.—Burton Wilson, president of the American club of Mexico City, is being held in jail there after being arrested by Carranza's own secret service men, according to Americans arriving here today from the Mexican capital. No charges were preferred against Wilson, who represents 17 foreign colonies in Mexico City as chairman of the international committee.

MANY UNIONS TO
PASS UP STRIKE

Leaders Are Having Trouble in Lining Up New York Workers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Prospects for a city-wide walkout threatened for Wednesday morning in sympathy with the striking carmen, seemed remote early today. Officials of the conference of labor leaders, which promulgated the suspension of work by 800,000 wage earners, are making frantic efforts to translate their threat into action, but indications point to strong opposition among many of the individual unions.

The prime movers of the proposed general strike early today announced that 60 more labor organizations, with the total membership of 120,000, have pledged their support to the conference of labor leaders and will remain away from their places Wednesday morning. Combined with the 50,000 wage earners who already have ratified the vote to suspend the total number on which the leaders now rely is 175,000.

The only unions, however, that are known to have actually voted for a strike are the butchers and the longshoremen. The decision of the former has to be ratified by the individual locals. In the case of the latter it is reported the decision was opposed by many individual members.

Ernest Bohm, spokesman for the conference of labor leaders, early today voiced the certainty that "the battle will be won in two days." He asserted that unions in other parts of New York state and in New Jersey were ready to enlist in the cause of the striking carmen.

Chairman Oscar Straus, of the public service commission, today renewed his appeal to the traction companies to arbitrate on the ground that the public has the right to demand arbitration.

"There are five million persons in New York responsible for this controversy who have been the chief sufferers because of it," said Mr. Straus. "They have a right to demand that this quarrel be arbitrated."

"Neither the traction companies nor the employees have been free from wrong, and the public is tired of the inconvenience that has been put upon it."

FIND ZEPPELIN IN SEA

German Admiralty in Report Admits Loss of Only Two.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—A dispatch to the Star from Tiberius reports that debris of a third Zeppelin has been picked up in the North sea.

The German admiralty has admitted the loss of only two of the airships that took part in Saturday's raid over England.

Gen. Funston forwarded the first official report on the incident, made by Col. Joseph A. Gaston, a Marfa, Tex., commander in the Big Bend district. Col. Gaston's report confirmed the firing by Mexicans on the American party of seven men, in which a horse of a Texas cavalry was killed.

CONFERENCE ON
MEX AFFAIRS
NEAR DEADLOCK

American Commissioners Refuse to Consider Any Plan For Withdrawal of Troops.

NO EFFORT IS BEING
MADE TO TAKE VILLA

Bell Says Expeditions Sent After Bandit Have Not Fired a Single Shot at the Outposts.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 25.—Indications today as the American and Mexican commissioners went into joint session here were that the negotiations have reached a deadlock.

Acting, it is believed, on instructions from President Wilson, the American commissioners have refused flatly to consider any plan calling for the immediate withdrawal of the American troops. This stand has been taken because of the increasing activity of Villistas in Chihuahua and the failure of the Carranza forces to make a strong showing against them. The Mexican commissioners, bound by Carranza's instructions to take up the withdrawal of the troops first, refused to make any concessions.

It was considered likely that an adjournment will be taken either today or tomorrow until the Mexican commissioners can get new instructions from Carranza.

The Mexican commissioners, as they went into today's meeting, refused to discuss the signed statement of Carranza, issued in Mexico City, declaring that he had instructed the commissioners to take up only the withdrawal of the American troops. The American commissioners also refused to discuss the matter, but mainly intimated that they were going to ask the Mexican members about Carranza's statement. It was indicated that the negotiations would come to a sudden ending if the Mexicans refused to discuss problems relating to the border patrol for the future.

MOVE ONLY BLUFF.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Unassailable evidence from competent sources reached Washington today indicating that the Carranzista soldiers in northern Chihuahua are making no effort to interfere either with the Villista or legalista bands operating there. This evidence is being used in bolstering up their refusal to consent to the withdrawal of the Pershing expedition and the turning over to the Carranzistas of the problem of border protection.

A supplemental report from Gen. George Bell, commanding at El Paso, received today, gives detailed information along this line. It flatly charges that the expeditions sent in pursuit of Villistas by Gen. Trevino have made no effort to interfere with the bandits. They have contented themselves with locating the various camps, but have not fired a single shot at the outposts. He reports that the bandits, according to the information received by him through his confidential sources, are well supplied with food of all kinds and have enormous quantities of ammunition. In addition to this they have machine guns and ammunition for them supposedly smuggled in from Havana.

Another report received from agents of the state department today recited the hold-up of a passenger train in the vicinity of Huachuca canon by bandits. The passengers—among whom were several Americans—were not molested by the bandits who simply told them they wanted to show that the de facto bandits that railway communication had been restored were unfounded.

The bandits disabled the engine and later soldiers alleged to have been from the Carranzista garrison in that vicinity, arrived and robbed all of the passengers.

GUARD KING'S PALACE

Constantine of Greece is Confined to His Bed.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Six thousand Greek soldiers from the Athens garrison are guarding King Constantine's palace at Tatol, says a wireless dispatch received here today.

King Constantine, who has been ill, is still confined to his bed at the Tatol palace.

52 Aeroplanes
Destroyed in
Last 48 Hours

PARIS, Sept. 25.—With the sky fleets of the allies and Germans reinforced to maximum strength, air activity over the western front is growing to the point where it rivals the violence of the fighting on land. American aviators fighting with the allies are taking a prominent part in it.

Within 48 hours of aerial fighting 52 aeroplanes were destroyed, 28 German and 24 allied machines, according to the claims of London, Paris and Berlin. The combats are continuing, the aviators being aided by favorable weather.

Twenty-nine combats were reported from the Somme front in one day, the greatest number of air actions ever recorded in a single instance over any one section of the western battlefield.

The Germans are using Zeppelins as well as aeroplanes, while the allies are varying their activities with raids over German cities, Essen, the seat of the great Krupp gun works, being bombarded.

HOLD TWO MORE
FOR BLACKMAIL

Alleged Gang Took New York Man to Chicago to Face "Federal Court."

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—With two more alleged members of the "million dollar blackmail syndicate" held in custody here, a bitter fight in progress between the local officials new sensations were provided today in the already spectacular case.

The new arrests are Homer T. French and James Christian. They were taken by Hinton G. Clabaugh, the government's sleuth who "sprung" the case in the first case, Christian had been arrested before and was out on bail.

The swindle charged to French and Christian involves a R. W. Wesley, said to be a wealthy New Yorker, and a woman known as Alice Williams. According to those in charge of the case, French and Christian learned they were living in a New York hotel. They posed as government officers, used a fake warrant charging violation of the Mann act and so intimidated Wesley that he and the woman came "under arrest" to Chicago with French and Christian.

So bold were the swindlers, the government charges, that Wesley and the woman were taken to the federal building here and arranged before a fake United States commissioner. At this Wesley's nerve, which had been unshaken before, collapsed and he came "through" with \$12,500, according to Clabaugh. Since then he has been bled for \$2,500 more.

Charles Erstein, noted criminal lawyer, who has been retained by the members of the alleged band, said today he would again go before Justice Labay and seek the arrest of State Atty. Hoyne and his assistants on charges of false arrest with intent to force a confession. Hoyne and his aids arrested Mrs. Helen Evers, alleged "lure" of the gang and questioned her at length despite Erstein's efforts to get her away.

PRAISES 8-HOUR LAW

La Follette Editorial Sent Out by Democratic Press Bureau.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—An editorial by Sen. Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, highly praising the eight-hour law enacted at Prest Wilson's request was given out today. La Follette, who was the only republican senator to vote for the bill, charges the railroads with having instituted a country-wide "unfair" publicity campaign to influence public opinion in their favor.

Get in the Great Civic Parade

One of the greatest parades ever given in the central west will be the civic procession, parade, Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 3, as a part of St. Joseph county's monster Indiana centennial observance in this city Oct. 3, 4 and 5. Every lodge, every club, every civic center, every public officer, every church, every Sunday school and every other organization in St. Joseph county is invited and should be in this parade.

Those in charge urgently request that all who intend to participate notify immediately Samuel Leeper or John DeHaven. It is necessary they know not later than Sept. 29 the number of entries and the size and style of each representation so that formation and line of march may be completed.

TWO ZEPPELINS
TO BE EXAMINED

British Hope to Find Secrets in Construction of Germany's Big Airships.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Officers of the royal flying corps have begun an examination of the two Zeppelins brought down during the raid of Saturday night and Sunday morning, with a view to discovering secrets of their construction. The raid, in which more than a dozen great airships took part, was the most ambitious yet attempted against England by the Germans and it was the first time that an air fleet had been convoked by submarines.

The destruction of three Zeppelins, two in the latest raid and one in a previous air foray against London, caused great jubilation and leads to the belief that the metropolis soon will be immune from sky attacks.

Considerable damage was done on the eastern and southeastern coasts, by the loss of two of the big, new styled Zeppelins more than offset the losses from a military standpoint.

The charred remains of the airmen killed in the destruction of the Zeppelin near Mangold, Essex county, have been collected for an inquest. They probably will be buried with military honors as was the case with the Germans killed when the L-21 was burned.

The sailors on the other Zeppelin brought down in Essex county are expected to be treated as honorable prisoners of war despite the intense public feeling against them. There are 22 of them.

Reports received up to early today indicated that about 130 persons were killed or wounded in the southern and southeastern districts of London. Fires were started, but were soon extinguished.

BOMBARD COAST.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—A British monitor and a destroyer squadron bombarded the Belgian coast yesterday.

TWO GIRLS INJURED

Are Pinned Beneath Auto After Fall Down Embankment.

News-Times Special Service.
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 25.—Miss Mildred Mayfield of Chicago and Miss Clara Bradley of West Terre Haute were dangerously injured Sunday in an automobile collision four miles east of Terre Haute. The car, owned by Roy Farrier of Indianapolis was hurled down an embankment. The injured girls pinned beneath the wrecked automobile. The other automobile driver proceeded without making known his identity.

Venizelos May
Head Revolt

ATHENS, Sept. 25.—Greek newspapers especially those supporting former Premier Venizelos, are demanding drastic measures of reprisal against Bulgaria, for the capture of Greek soldiers and the violation of Greek territory which the German allies had promised to respect.

With the capture of Kandia the domination of Crete by the revolution is not complete and there are reports that Venizelos, who is a Cretan by birth, may be called upon to head a Cretan provisional government.

FAIRBANKS ON TOUR

Candidate Will Spend Some Time on Pacific Coast.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 25.—Charles W. Fairbanks, republican vice president nominee, after entertaining Charles E. Hughes Sunday, left this morning on a campaign tour that will carry him to the Pacific coast. He will confer with republican leaders in Chicago this evening and will leave tomorrow for Omaha, where he will make his first speech tomorrow night. He will speak at Pueblo, Colo., Denver, Colorado Springs, Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash., before he starts back. On the return trip he will speak in Montana, North Dakota and Minnesota.

BOMB SHAKES CHICAGO

Explosive is Placed on Fire Escape in Rear of Theater.

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—Buildings in the heart of Chicago were shaken early today when a bomb was exploded on a fire escape in the rear of the Orpheum theater in the loop district. The damage to the building was small. This is the seventh of a series of bomb explosions recently in the wars of the chauffeurs moving picture operators' unions. The latter are engaged in a fight for control of the city's theaters.

CAPTAIN OF LOST
SHIP IS IN PORT

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Capt. John G. Meikle of the steamship Kelvinian, which went down in the Bristol channel on Sept. 2, arrived here on the Anchor Line California today with 27 Americans, members of the Kelvinian's crew.

Capt. Meikle refused to reveal what he believed to be the cause of his vessel's destruction. He will make a full report to the British embassy. Many of the American members of the Kelvinian's crew who arrived last Monday on the Tuscania expressed the belief the vessel was torpedoed. Some believed she struck a floating mine.

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DEMOCRATS WILL
GAIN IN HOUSE

Rep. Frank E. Doremus Predicts a Majority of at Least Fifty.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Rep. Frank E. Doremus of Michigan, arrived in town today and at once claimed that the democrats would have a majority of at least 50 in the next house. Doremus is chairman of the congressional campaign committee. He said he had received reports which indicated that the democrats would add at least 20 more congressmen to their list in November's election.

"We will gain two in Michigan, two in West Virginia, three in New Jersey, one in North Carolina, two in Connecticut, one in Kansas, two in Nebraska, three in Illinois and probably six in Ohio," he declared.

Chairman Vance McCormick of the democratic national campaign committee, was equally confident concerning the re-election of President Wilson.

"We will carry Indiana," was one of the statements made by McCormick.

Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port of New York, has just wired me from California, where he is campaigning, that he feels certain the president will carry that state. I am not making any claims for Michigan, but Mr. Doremus told me upon his arrival today that there was a wonderful amount of quiet sentiment for the president there, and that he would carry the state."

BANKERS GATHER.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 25.—Bankers from all parts of the country gathered in Kansas City today to attend the 42nd annual convention of the American Bankers' association, sessions of which will continue throughout the week.

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Counter Offensive in Dobrudja Province is Launched by the Roumanians and Russians.

BATTLE IS RESUMED
IN GREEK MACEDONIA

Dorian Set on Fire by the Allies' Fire—Artillery is Hammering Away on Western Front.

BERLIN, Sept. 25.—Bucharest, the capital of Roumania, has been bombarded by a German airship, the war office announced today.

CAIRO, Egypt, Sept. 25.—The Turkish garrison of Port Ettaif, consisting of 1,800 men and 50 officers, has surrendered to the British. Guns and military stores also were captured.

SOFIA, Sept. 25.—Heavy attacks by the allies against the right and left flanks of the Bulgarian force holding the Kajkhalan heights front were repulsed, the Bulgarian war office announced today.

BUCHAREST, Sept. 25.—Roumanian and Russian troops, who launched a counter offensive against the German allies in Dobrudja province (Roumania), have made further progress, the war office states. More than 300 Austro-Hungarians have been captured in Transylvania. The official report, issued today, follows:

"Near Hermanstadt (Transylvania), we have captured four more officers and 200 men, as well as five machine guns. Further progress has been made in Dobrudja."

LAUNCH OFFENSIVE.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—Allied troops have launched a powerful offensive against the Bulgarians and Germans all along the line in Greek Macedonia. The official war office statement issued today dealing with operations in the Balkans, tells of attacks by the allied troops at numerous points.

"On the Struma river front British troops continued their raids and have reached Kirit Sograd. Northwest of Florina the French captured the first of the outlying houses of Petros after a violent conflict and advanced north of Florina. West of the town the Russians took the offensive and made an assault on Hill No. 918, which had been powerfully fortified by the enemy. In this region a counter attack was checked by our artillery fire and rolled back by Franco-Russian soldiers, who used the bayonet. Southwest of Florina a French outpost was captured by the enemy."

"South of lake Preshea there has been a lively encounter. A detachment of Bulgarians reached Bitla."

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